മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ : മഹനീയമായി ഞങ്ങൾ എല്ലാവരും സേ്നഹിക്കുന്ന ഇൻഡ്യൻ നാഷണൽ കോൺഗ്രസ്സ് ഫ്ളാഗോട്ടുകൂടി ഉന്നിപ്പിടിപ്പിച്ചിരുന്ന പൊന്തിരുമേനിയുടെ ഫ്ളാഗ് നീക്കം ചെയ്തതായിട്ട് ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിന്നറിയാമൊ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ : അതുതന്നെയാണ് ഇതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ : അങ്ങിനെ ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്നൊ എന്നു് ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്ന ആളോട് ചോദിച്ചുവൊ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ : ഉന്നിപ്പിടിപ്പിച്ചിരുന്ന എന്നു കടലാസ്സിൽ കണ്ടു.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചുവൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ : അന്വേഷിക്കാതെയല്ല ഈ മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ : ഇതുപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്നൊ എന്നുള്ള വിവരം ആളുപയോഗിച്ചിരുന്ന മാന്യനോട് ചോദിച്ചു് അദ്ദേഹം തന്ന മറുപടിയാണൊ ഇവിടെ തന്നിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. വി. കെ. മേനോൻ : അതുതന്നെയാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. എ. മുഹമ്മദ് അബ്ദുറഹ്മാൻ : ശരി, സന്തോഷം.

## CONTROL OF COCOANUTS AND COCOANUT OIL

**67. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Talappalli Food Advisory Committee had not recommended at their meeting in Kanni 1122 that the price of cocoanut and cocoanut oil be controlled;

(*b*) whether the above recommendation had been acted upon;

(*c*) what is the percentage of rise in the price of cocoanut and cocoanut oil in 1122 Chingam from the corresponding price in Chingam 1120 and 1121?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

(*c*) The percentage of rise in the price of cocoanut in 1122 Chingam over that in Chingam 1120 and 1121 is 111·80 and 93·45 and that in the price of cocoanut oil is 113·41 and 103·90 respectively.

The percentages given above are on the basis of the average prices for cocoanut and cocoanut oil for the whole State in Chingam of the years 1120, 1121 and 1122. If, however, the prices in Chingam of these years in Talappalli Taluk above are to be taken for purposes of calculation, then the percentage of rise in the prices of cocoanut will be 90·18 and 71·27 and that in the price of cocoanut oil will be 106·52 and 99·80 respectively.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government will be pleased to inform us on the question of the variation in the price of cocoanut oil and cocoanut, whether they have got statistics?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Yes, Sir. In fact this is taken from the information available with Government on such subjects.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* That is on statistics available or rather in the possession of the Government even prior to the question being put.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* I suppose that what the Hon'ble Member means is this. The question is "what is the percentage of rise in the price of cocoanut and cocoanut oil in 1122 Chingam from the corresponding price in Chingam 1120 and 1121". We have got information as to the prices in 1120 and 1121. If these are statistics we have statistics.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* I am very much obliged for the elucidating answer. I know, Sir, that without information Government will not be putting things here in black and white. My querry was whether this answer was based upon statistics with the Government prior to the receipt of this question, or is the information gathered subsequent to the receipt of the question?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Information there was with the Government.

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**Mrs. K. M. R. Menon** *(Trichur-Women):* Will the Government be pleased to supply cocoanut oil to each and every consumer just as we do with regard to kerosene oil?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* That is the question which the Government are at present considering.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to accept my statement based upon a detailed inquiry conducted personally by me that these percentages given here are much lower than the actual percentage of rise that obtains in the bazaar ?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* I think, Sir, that these figures are authentic figures.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know from whom this information was collected ? Who is the authority or the agency that supplied this information to the Government ?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* Government are in possession of this information and it is correct.

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* I say it is wrong. Then the Government are in possession of very bad stuff.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):* I think that the Hon'ble Member is not correct in saying this. Because the Government have got agencies to collect information and if unfortunately the Hon'ble Member has got other information, it may as well be that that information is incorrect.

68 **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) if they have seen the leader of "Gomathi" dated September, 28th 1946 under the heading "വെളിച്ചെണ്ണവില";

(*b*) if the Government are aware of the difficulties which the public have to undergo for want of control over the prices of cocoanut and cocoanut oil ?

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Minister for Food and Education):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

## OPENING OF ROAD FROM NEDUGADI BRIDGE TO NAYARAMBALAM

69. **Mr. M. I. Paul** *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

whether the Narakkal Panchayat has made any report or resolution that a road should be opened from Nedugadi Bridge to Nayarambalam to meet the Vypeen Pallipuram road; if so, what action has been taken in the matter ?

**Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Public Health):*

Yes. It is under the consideration of the Government.

**Mr. M. I. Paul** *(Narakkal):* May I know whether the opening of the road from Nedungad bridge to Nayarambalam comes under the portfolio of the Minister for Public Health ?

**Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Public Health):* It is very difficult to answer that question, because Panchayat roads come under the Minister for Public Health and the D. P. W. roads come under the Minister for Public Works. The Panchayat President made a representation to the Director of Panchayats regarding this road, and it seems there is a proposal in the D. P. W. along with the opening of the Vypeen-Pallippuram road to have cross roads to these coastal areas. It seems this particular road also is included in that scheme. If that is included in the D. P. W. it would not be proper for the Panchayat Director to interfere and construct these roads even now. So he has referred this matter to the D. P. W. and if the Public Works Department will not take up this road then it is for the Panchayath Department to take up this work.

**Mr. M. I. Paul** *(Narakkal):* May I know whether the work will be expedited soon?

**Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar** *(Minister for Public Health):* Along with the construction of the Vypeen-Pallippuram road which my Hon'ble friend the Minister for Public Works was saying yesterday that he will expedite, these connection roads also will be taken up.

**Mr. P. K. Dewer** *(Nominated)* : May I know whether road leading to the bridge has been aligned.

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